

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As below named inventors we hereby declare that:

Our residence, post office addresses and citizenship are as stated below next to our names.

We believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **Handrail-Drive For An Escalator Or Moving Walk**, the specification of which is attached hereto. We hereby state that we authorized the filing of the specification.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate for the same invention having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

EP 03405226.6 dated April 4, 2003

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: **NONE**

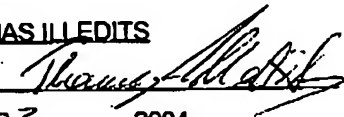
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And we hereby appoint Jay A. Bondell, Esq., Registration No. 28,188, Fritz L. Schweitzer, Jr., Esq., Registration No. 17,402, Michael A. Comman, Esq., Registration No. 20,672, Meyer A. Gross, Esq., Registration No. 22,036, Fritz L. Schweitzer III, Registration No. 39,363, Robert I. Pearlman, Registration No. 18,881, and Rebecca C. Pergrim, Reg. No. 50,725 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent Office connected therewith, and we hereby request that all correspondence herein be directed to Jay A. Bondell, Esq., SCHWEITZER CORNMANN GROSS & BONDELL LLP, 292 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10017.

We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and, further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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